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MARIA WATCHES OVER US  
(Maria-sama ga Miteru) Season 1  
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***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 1***  
**Format: DVD (Litebox)**

**Pre-Book: 8/7/2012**  
**Street Date: 9/4/2012**  
Runtime: 325 minutes  
Genre: Drama  
Suggested Rating: 13+

Audio: Japanese (Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo)  
Subtitles: 2 English subtitle tracks, plus English on-screen translations  
Video: 4:3, Color  
Catalog #: RSDVD1280  
ISBN: 1-57032-719-X  
UPC: 7-42617-1280-2-8  
SRP: \$39.99

Discs/Set: 4  
Case Quantity: 30

**NOZOMI ENTERTAINMENT Announces**  
***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 1***

**Complete first season available as a Litebox-style DVD set on Sept. 4, 2012**

GRIMES, Iowa, May 16, 2012 – Anime producer and distributor **Right Stuf, Inc.** and its **Nozomi Entertainment** division are pleased to announce the ***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 1*** DVD set will be available on **September 4, 2012**.

This new DVD set repackages the **entire 13-episode first television season** of ***Maria Watches Over Us***, plus the **Season 1 specials**, in a single DVD keepcase. It features Japanese audio, along with English on-screen translations, and **two English-language subtitle tracks**: one with **regular dialogue subtitles** and a second, **special subtitle track that retains the Japanese honorifics**.

**“funny, touching and engrossing”** – *Anime News Network*

**“this series is awesome”** – *Otaku USA*

**“Very recommended.”** – *The Fandom Post*

**“Shelf Worthy”** – *Anime News Network’s Shelf Life*

**“a truly beautiful anime”** – *Future Anime*

The ***Maria Watches Over Us*** anime is based upon a series of novels – written by **Oyuki Konno** and illustrated by **Reine Hibiki** – that began in 1998 and spans 38 volumes. Short stories related to the series have been published in the *shoujo* (girls’) magazine *Cobalt*, and a manga adaptation was serialized in the anthology magazine *Margaret*. The series’ publisher, Shueisha, produced 14 drama CDs (featuring radio-style plays), and there are also several Internet radio plays, a live-action film adaptation and a spin-off novel series.

The anime adaptation of *Maria-sama ga Miteru* – also referred to by fans as “*MariMite*” – encompasses two, 13-episode TV seasons, a 5-episode OVA (original video animation) as its third season, and a 13-episode fourth season, which aired on Japanese television during 2009. All four seasons are licensed for English-speaking audiences by and available on DVD from Right Stuf’s Nozomi Entertainment.

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*Maria Watches Over Us* features animation by **Studio DEEN** (*Fruits Basket*, *Gravitation*, *Rurouni Kenshin*), scripting by **Reiko Yoshida** (*ARIA*, *Boys Over Flowers*, *Story of Saiunkoku*), and direction by **Yukihiro Matsushita** (Seasons 1-3; *Blue Dragon*, *Sugar Sugar Rune*) and **Toshiyuki Kato** (Season 4; *Full Moon O Sagashite*, *CODE-E*).

Visit [maria-sama.rightstuf.com](http://maria-sama.rightstuf.com) for more information about *Maria Watches Over Us (Maria-sama ga Miteru)*, including detailed character profiles, trailers, downloads and more.

#### **About MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 1**

When Yumi Fukuzawa entered the Lillian Girls' Academy, a prestigious all-girls Catholic school in Tokyo, she never imagined that she would catch the eye of beautiful and demure Sachiko Ogasawara, one of the school's most popular students. Now Sachiko has offered to be Yumi's sœur – her "sister" and guide for all her years at the academy. The whole idea has Yumi completely flustered – after all, they hardly know each other! The entire school is abuzz with rumors about the two of them, but Yumi is conflicted over accepting Sachiko's offer. While she admires Sachiko, being her sœur would also mean constantly being at the center of the entire school's attention!

***Contains the complete 13-episode first season, plus the Season 1 specials.***

#### **Features:**

Two English subtitle tracks (standard dialogue subtitles, plus a special subtitle track that includes Japanese honorifics) and English on-screen translations. **PLUS:** Season 1 specials 1-7, character bios, liner notes, and Nozomi Entertainment trailers.

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Currently celebrating its 25th year in business, **Right Stuf, Inc.** was one of the first players in the U.S. Japanese Animation ("anime") industry, as both an anime producer/distributor and a retailer. Right Stuf works to promote knowledge of its own products, as well as the anime and manga industry, in general, through its online storefront at [RightStuf.com](http://RightStuf.com) and a variety of media including podcasts and special publications.

#### **ABOUT NOZOMI ENTERTAINMENT**

Right Stuf's production division, **Nozomi Entertainment**, is dedicated to the highest quality releases. True to the Japanese word that inspired its name, Nozomi's focus is on "*what fans want*." By focusing on a limited number of anime properties each year, the Nozomi production team ensures each release receives the care and attention to detail it deserves.

From anime classics like *Astro Boy*, *Kimba* and *Gigantor* to modern comedies, dramas and favorites such as *The Irresponsible Captain Tylor*, *His and Her Circumstances*, *Gravitation*, *Ninja Nonsense*, *The Third: The Girl With the Blue Eye*, *Emma: A Victorian Romance*, *Maria Watches Over Us*, *ARIA*, *Gakuen Alice*, *Rental Magica*, *Dirty Pair*, *Junjo Romantica* and *Revolutionary Girl Utena*, Right Stuf and Nozomi Entertainment produce quality programming for fans of all ages and interests.

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